

Sinclair Broadcasting is the owner of WGME in my hometown of Portland, Maine. It's decision to force WGME to air a biased, anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and out-of-state ownership.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Airing this one-sided, biased program is a clear abuse of the public trust.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.